

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 2 - Health Access and Support Services

**Topic:** Australian Nurse-Family Partnership Program (ANFPP)

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Dodson, Patrick

**Question:**

- a) Can the Department confirm that in 2015-16 there were only two new sites announced?
- b) Have those two new sites commenced operation of the ANFPP program?

**Answer:**

- a) In 2015-16, the Australian Nurse-Family Partnership Program (ANFPP) was expanded to two further sites. The new sites were in Brisbane North, Queensland (Institute for Urban Indigenous Health (IUIH)) and a hub and spoke model operating out of Darwin to support the Top End communities of Wadeye, Maningrida, Gunbalanya and Wurrumiyanga in Northern Territory (Top End Health Service (TEHS)).
- b) Both IUIH and TEHS have commenced implementation of the ANFPP. IUIH commenced client visits in May 2016. TEHS has initiated client contact and will commence home visiting services in April 2017.

TEHS has worked closely with the communities for an effective and sustainable implementation. A substantive lead time has enabled lengthy consultation with each of the four communities. The hub and spoke model enables reach to a broader population in smaller communities that may not normally have access to similar home visiting services. It is unique and the first of its kind globally, under the Nurse Family Partnership arrangement.